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Curtis M. “Wes” Weston Named Small Business Person of the Year 2004

Casper – The Wyoming District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has named Curtis M. “Wes” Weston, owner and operator of Decker Auto Glass and the Glass Warehouse, Small Business Person of the Year 2004. This award will be presented to Mr. Weston on June 25, 2004, at the Casper Chamber of Commerce annual banquet.

This award is given to an individual who owns and operates or bears principal responsibility for operating a small business that demonstrates a substantiated history as an established business. Other evaluation criteria includes, growth in number of employees, increase in sales, innovative product or service, response to adversity and the contributions by the nominee to aid community oriented projects. The President of the United States recognizes contributions of the small business community to the American economy and society by proclamation each year.

Mr. Weston, a twenty-five year resident of Casper, purchased Decker Auto Glass in 1979. Since that date, his expansion includes two additional facilities in Casper and one satellite repair center in Douglas. Mr. Weston currently employs 34 full time employees and 3 part time employees. According to nominator, Darrel Black, Vice President, First Interstate Bank, “the growth of Mr. Weston’s company has been through his loyalty and the guaranteed satisfaction and service to his customers.” “The respect and loyalty that Mr. Weston provides his employees is probably his greatest quality and asset,” states Mr. Black.

Curtis Weston is a long term member of the Kiwanis Club, Elks Lodge 1353 and previously volunteered in the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE) program. He has made numerous charitable donations to many worthwhile organizations at the national, state and local level. Some of these include United Way of Natrona County; Shriners Hospital; March of Dimes; American Legion; Wyoming Hap Dumont World Series; Casper Youth Baseball; Back-a-boy Program. Mr. Weston has been a company sponsor of numerous volleyball, bowling and softball teams in the community.

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